



Child & Adult Care Food Program

What is CACFP?

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is federally funded by the USDA. The program reimburses qualifying organizations for serving nutritious meals and snacks to eligible children and adults.

What are the Benefits of CACFP?

- Ensures that participants receive balanced, healthy meals and helps children start good nutrition habits early in life.
- Improves the quality of child care and makes it more affordable for many low-income families.
- Provides funding, nutrition education, training and support for child care providers, afterschool programs, homeless shelters and adult care programs.



Which organizations are eligible to participate?

Private non-profit, Private for-profit or Public non-profit organizations may be eligible to participate in the CACFP.

Private for-profit Centers:

- **Adult Care Centers:** 25% of the adults must be enrolled in Title XIX funds (Medicaid)
- **Child Care Centers:** 25% of the children enrolled must receive Title XX funds (childcare subsidy) or must meet the income eligibility criteria for free or reduced-price meals.
- **At-Risk Afterschool Care Program:** Program must be in a school zone where 50% of the enrolled students qualify for free or reduced-priced meals.
**Waivers of area eligibility are available until June 30, 2021, if all other eligibility criteria are met.*



What population is eligible for CACFP?

- Children age 12 and under are eligible to receive up to two meals and one snack daily at a childcare home or center; also, migrant children age 15 and under and persons with disabilities of any age.
- One meal and one snack are available to children 18 years and younger in the At Risk Afterschool program.
- Adults who are enrolled in adult day care and are at least 60 years of age or physically or mentally impaired.
- Homeless shelters may be reimbursed for up to three meals each day for resident children 18 and younger.



How does Reimbursement work?

The USDA establishes reimbursement rates annually for each meal and snacks that are served.

- Program operators submit claims each month that are paid directly by DECAL.
- CACFP Reimbursement rates are available [here](#):

How to apply for CACFP

To be considered eligible to participate in CACFP, organizations must:

- provide proof of child care license or exemption from licensure
- attend a two-day training. Participants will be granted access to a web-based application after completing training.

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